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SUBJECT: STONEHOUSE DECIDES NOT TO RESIGN

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1. FUGITIVE MP JOHN STONEHOUSE HAS NOW ADVISED COMMONS THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO RESIGN HIS SEAT (REFTEL), APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT RESIGNATION WOULD PREJUDICE HIS CHANCES TO REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA. THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY'S (PLP) REACTION TO THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN ANGRY, AS HAS THAT OF THE WALSALL NORTH LABOR PARTY CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATION.

2. COMMONS LEADER EDWARD SHORT RESPONDED JANUARY 16 BY CABLING STONEHOUSE FOR AN EXPLANATION OF HIS INTENTIONS. HE REPORTEDLY HOPES TO HAVE A REPLY BY JANUARY 20. SHOULD STONEHOUSE REFUSE TO RESIGN, HE CAN BE EXPELLED BY COMMONS, BUT PRECEDENT REQUIRES THAT THE CASE AGAINST HIM BE HEARD BY A SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE, AND THIS WOULD ENTAIL CONSIDERABLE TIME. ACCORDINGLY, THE BY-ELECTION ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL STONEHOUSE'S SEAT IS VACATED BY RESIGNATION OR EXPULSION.

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